GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:140
ANSWERED ON:23.07.2001
LOSSES TO M.T.N.L
M.V.V.S MURTHI;SHIVAJI MANE

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL)has suffered losses of crores of rupees due to damage of cables and telephone lines while digging by Reliance and Bharati Telnet in Capital recently as reported in the Pioneer dated June 29, 2001;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. MTNL suffered loss due to damage of cables and Telephone lines while digging by M/s Bharti Telenet Ltd. and M/s Netware Infosys (P) Ltd. with details as under.

(i) M/s Bharti Telenet Ltd.

Area affected	No. of cable pairs damaged
Man Singh Road, Tilak Marg, Tilak Lane, CGO Complex, Janpath Road, Subramaniam Bharti Marg, Feroz Shah Road, Behind Paras Cinema, Purana Quila Road, Defence Colony, Lodhi Road, Shahjahan Road, Chanakyapuri Area, Cannaught Place MS Flats, Canning Road, Mathura Road, Bhagwan Dass Road, etc.	5232 approx.

(ii) M/s Netware Infosys (P) Ltd.

Area affected	No. of cable pairs damaged
Tolstoy Marg covered in the area of Connaught Place, Vandana Bldg, Himalaya House, American Centre, ECE House, New Delhi House, Ashoka Estate, Akashdeep Nimal Tower, World Trade Cente, Jeevan Prakash Scindia House etc.	5400 approx.

(c)
(i): Suit No. 129/2001 for damages for Rs.15 lacs was filed on 29.6.2001 in the Hon`ble High Court of Delhi against M/s Bharati Tele Net Ltd. Orders restraining them for further digging passed on 02.07.2001 by the Hon`ble High Court of Delhi. Case stands adjourned for 31.7.2001.

(ii) Suit No. 129/2001 for damages for Rs. 33 lacs was filed Hon`ble High Court on 2nd July, 2001 ordered stay on further digging by the said Company. Case now fixed for 31.07.2001.